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(U) BREAKING NEWS

(U) San Jose – Multiple People Killed, Injured in San Jose VTA Rail Yard Shooting, Suspect Dead

(U) Multiple people have been killed in a shooting at a VTA rail yard in San Jose Wednesday morning, according to the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office. There are "multiple victims and multiple casualties," spokesperson Russell Davis said. He wasn't able to offer a more specific count. Several sources told local media there are "no more than 10 victims." The shooter is among the dead, Davis said. At least some of those injured are VTA employees. The shooting occurred at a VTA control center and rail yard, where light rail cars are stored. The building is not open to the public, so the shooter would have needed employee access or to have broken in, according to VTA spokesperson.

SOURCE: 26 May 2021, [ABC 7 News](#)

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(U) Beverly Grove – Man Arrested for anti-Semitic Attacks

(U) Authorities arrested a Whittier man for allegedly being part of a group seen attacking diners in the Beverly Grove area of Los Angeles while shouting anti-Semitic slurs. The suspect was arrested in Anaheim and booked on the charges of assault with a deadly weapon. The incident, captured on video, occurred in the aftermath of large demonstrations in the West LA area, including one outside the Israeli consulate, pitting pro-Palestinian and pro-Israeli groups against each other.

SOURCE: 26 May 2021, [East Bay Times](#)

(U) Culver City – Windows of at Least Eight Culver City Businesses Shattered by BB Gun Shootings

(U) Authorities are investigating multiple incidents involving vandals who have been shooting out the windows of at least eight businesses in Culver City in a string of crimes dating back to mid-April. The windows were shattered by what appear to be BB gun rounds fired from a passing vehicle. No injuries were reported from the incidents and the restaurants were closed at the time of the shootings. An investigation is underway into the incidents.

SOURCE: 25 May 2021, [NBC Los Angeles](#)

(U) San Diego – Man Sentenced for Piloting Drug and Human Smuggling Boat that Capsized

(U) A US District Court sentenced an individual who was behind the wheel of a boat that capsized last summer off the coast of Mission Beach. The suspect pled guilty to federal drug charges stemming from the incident that had 14 people aboard. The suspect admitted to smuggling both drugs and people during the incident last summer. Three other men on board also pled guilty to committing federal crimes stemming from the incident.

SOURCE: 24 May 2021, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – Thirteen Migrants Found Inside U-Haul, Suspected Stash House in Douglas

(U) Douglas – Thirteen migrants were located inside a U-Haul and a suspected stash house in Douglas, AZ. US Border Patrol agents, while responding to a "concerned citizen's call," found nine migrants inside

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a U-Haul van and four more inside a suspected stash house. Agents also discovered a stolen pistol and 81 oxycodone pills during the incident. The US smuggler was arrested and the migrants are currently being processed.

SOURCE: 25 May 2021, [KVOA](#)

(U) California – Agents Intercept Million-Dollar Cocaine Stash

(U) San Diego – San Diego Sector US Border Patrol agents arrested a suspect with more than 70-pounds of cocaine hidden in his vehicle. The subject was pulled over on Interstate 5 for a traffic violation. Agents searched the truck and discovered dozens of bundles concealed inside two toolboxes. The 29 bundles discovered had an estimated street value of more than one million dollars. The driver was taken into custody by Homeland Security Investigations agents and the vehicle was seized by the US Border Patrol.

SOURCE: 25 May 2021, [US CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Nevada – Russian to be Deported After Failed Tesla Ransomware Plot

(U) Reno – Authorities advise a Russian man will be deported after pleading guilty to trying to pay a Tesla employee \$500K to install computer malware at the company's Nevada electric battery plant in a bid to steal company secrets for ransom. The suspect, was sentenced to time already served, pled guilty to conspiracy to intentionally cause damage to a protected computer. Federal authorities credited an employee at Tesla with reporting the suspect's offer to company officials. The hack was designed as a distributed denial-of-service attack and authorities are not aware of any alleged ties to the Kremlin.

SOURCE: 25 May 2021, [Yahoo News](#)

(U) North Carolina – Suspect Arrested for Allegedly Hitting People with Vehicle at Protest

(U) Elizabeth City – Authorities arrested a North Carolina woman on hate crime charges after she struck two protesters with a vehicle at a demonstration. The suspect allegedly hit two people with a vehicle who were protesting and attending a demonstration targeting a fatal police shooting from last month. Both woman were taken to a local hospital where they were treated for non-life-threatening injuries last month. An investigation into the incident is ongoing.

SOURCE: 25 May 2021, [The Hill](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Forty-One Captives Rescued, Many Al-Qa'ida Affiliates Killed by Afghan Forces

(U) Kabul – Afghanistan's Defense Ministry advised the army freed up to 41 people from a Taliban prison and killed 13 al-Qa'ida affiliates in two separate missions. Forces carried out a special operation at a Taliban prison in the Marwa village in Herat Province freeing 41 people with the majority being civilians. Seven Taliban militants were killed during the incident with some of their weapons and ammunition also destroyed during the operation. A separate mission killed 13 al-Qa'ida affiliates from the Helman Province in response to an attack that killed six people early Tuesday morning.

SOURCE: 26 May 2021, [Khaama Press](#)

(U) Mexico – State Police Director Ambushed, Shot Dead

(U) Culiacan – Gunmen ambushed and killed the director of state police in the cartel-plagued Mexican northern state of Sinaloa. The State Public Safety Secretary advised that Director Joel Ernesto Soto was found dead in his bullet-riddled car on a highway near the capital of Culiacan. Soto was an army lieutenant colonel in the army who was on leave while heading the state police. The attack followed

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another suspected assassination attempt on Soto on 6 May, when armed men fired at his state police convoy in Mazatlan.

SOURCE: 25 May 2021, [Al Jazeera](#)

(U) Syria – SDF Arrests 24 ISIS Suspects, Confiscates Weapons in Deir ez-Zor

(U) Irbil – The Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) arrested 24 suspected members of Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) in the eastern province of Deir z-Zor. Some of those arrested were involved in the recent assassination of a local SDF leader in the province who was shot dead by two gunmen on a motorbike earlier this month. The forces also confiscated a large number of hand grenades, Kalashnikovs, sharp metal weapons, satellite communications equipment, identification papers, and diagrams for some terrorist organizations.

SOURCE: 25 May 2021, [Rudaw](#)

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